

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Examiner Interview, the Examiner noted that claims 25-26 and 29-40 are pending in the application and that claims 35-40 should be cancelled or amended to be made allowable. No restriction/election requirement was made by the Examiner. By this response, claims 35-40 have been amended. Thus, claims 25-26 and 29-40 are pending in the application.

Examiner Interview

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended during a telephone call on June 14 and a voicemail message left on June 20, 2006. These calls are interviews that took the form of a verbal request by the Examiner to cancel claims 35-40. Applicant's counsel suggested amending claims 35-40 to incorporate allowable subject matter from allowed independent claim 29. No specific agreement was reached on specific amendment language for claims 35-40. A proposed amendment has now been reviewed with the Applicant. Subsequent to the interview, a telephone request was made to the Examiner on September 8, 2006 to review and discuss a proposal for Examiner amendment to claims 35-40.

A second voicemail message was left on September 11 in order to set up a subsequent telephone interview. Pending a return phone call from the Examiner, it is anticipated that a subsequent interview will be conducted to discuss to the proposed language for an Examiner amendment.

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Amendment dated 9/11/2006
in Response to Office Action dated 08/11/2006

Allowed and Allowable Claims


Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 25-26 and 29-34. Furthermore, claims 35-40 have been amended to incorporate limitations from independent claim 29 and are now believed to be in allowable form.

CONCLUSION

For all the reasons advanced above, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and action to that end is respectfully requested. If the Examiner's next anticipated action is to be anything other than a Notice of Allowance, the undersigned respectfully requests a telephone interview before issuance of any such subsequent action.

Respectfully submitted,

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